


DECEMBER 2011 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Friday, December 2, 2011

- 6:30 p.m. Talk -  Stargazing with Binoculars** (*rainy or cloudy weather cancels*) **1 Hour**
Meet at the Visitor Center to discover how binoculars can help you explore the beautiful night sky!
Dress warmly and bring binoculars, if you have them, and a flashlight (red lens preferable).

Saturday, December 3, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. Auto Tour - Carrizo Corridor and the Imperial Seaway** **8 Hours**

Instructor: Paul Remeika

Fee \$70/\$60 for ABF members



Discover the fascinating geology and paleontology of the Anza-Borrego region on this driving tour with retired ranger Paul Remeika. Fossil shell beaches, reefs, and oyster beds millions of years old will highlight this tour along the western edge of the Vallecito Badlands.

Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

- 11:00 a.m. Talk  - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego** **1 Hour**

Visitors to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park often ask about birds they've seen. There are over 300 bird species found in the park, but there are a few that visitors will almost always see. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus in the Discovery Lab to learn about the most commonly seen birds in the park, as well as where to find them. Novice birders can easily learn 15 different species, and more experienced birders will learn some fascinating new insights into the behavior of some species they already know.

- 7:30 p.m. Campfire  Wildflowers of Anza-Borrego** **1 Hour**

Explore the beauty of the desert in bloom! From fields of annuals to colorful washes to brilliant cacti, flowers abound as the desert comes alive in the spring! Join Ranger Nicole at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, December 4, 2011

- 8:00 a.m. Auto Tour – Salton Sea: The Neglected Treasure** **8 Hours**

Instructor: Paul Johnson

Fee \$70/\$60 for ABF members




The Salton Sea is a treasure of abundant wildlife and mysterious geology. See thousands of white geese, a hill made entirely of volcanic glass, miniature mud volcanoes and more on this full-day trip with Paul Johnson. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

- 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

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Sunday, December 4, 2011 (continued)

9:00 a.m. Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

Join Ranger Steve on Split Mountain Road at the entrance to Fish Creek for a drip dry adventure in that crazy creek.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Hidden Vista

1 Hour

Hike about ½ mile to the Bill Kenyon Overlook from Yaqui Pass Camp. We will explore the rocky habitat along the trail to reach the dramatic overlook. Take Yaqui Pass Road (S-3) and meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the far end of Yaqui Pass Camp (mile marker #2) at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

6:30 p.m. Talk – Mustard Presentation

2 Hours

Join Park Botanist Larry Hendrickson to learn about the invasive mustard that is threatening our local wildflowers. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Thursday, December 8, 2011

3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). Limited to 15 participants – sign up at the Visitor Center; include your phone number for meeting details.

Friday, December 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. Lecture Paleontology Lecture - Odontology: What Teeth Tell Us

3 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist, will help us discover all that we can learn from the teeth of animals and fossils. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, December 10, 2011

9:00 a.m. Hike – Canyon of Ten Caves Discovery Hike

7 Hours



Instructor: Paul Remeika

Fee \$70/\$60 for ABF members


Join Paul Remeika on this moderately strenuous 2-mile hike through the high cliffs, alcoves and narrow passageways of Arroyo Tapiado Mud Caves. The breathtaking views from the summit are phenomenal and well worth the effort. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

1:30 p.m. Garden Walk - Small World

1 Hour

Everyone is impressed with the vast dimensions and stunning vistas of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The desert is equally impressive on a micro-scale. Stretch your perspective and explore the natural history of the park up close and personal with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer.

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Saturday, December 10, 2011 (continued)

7:30 p.m. Campfire-♿ “Boulders, Palm Trees and Water, Oh MY!” **1 Hour**

What happens when a 16 foot wall of water comes pouring out of Borrego Palm Canyon?
Join Ranger Jennifer Rodriguez at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center as she tells all.

Sunday, December 11, 2011

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon **3 Hours**

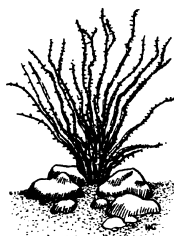
Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass **3 Hours**

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - “Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote **45 Min.**

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.



Monday, December 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. Lecture – The Ocotillo: Not Just Another Pretty Plant **1 Hour**

This talk, given by ecologist and author Jim Cornett, is sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society and is open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

6:30 p.m. Talk – Mustard Presentation **2 Hours**

Join Senior Park Aide Larry Hendrickson to learn about the invasive Sahara mustard that is threatening our local wildflowers. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the ABDSP Visitor Center.

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Thursday, December 15, 2011

9:00 a.m. Hike – Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

Saturday, December 17, 2011

9:30 a.m. Talk – Tracks Tell Tales

1 Hour

Tracks tell the fascinating stories of the lives of our animal neighbors in the Anza Borrego Desert. Meet our Volunteer Naturalist- Tracker Beth Shugan in the Discovery Lab, and start to learn to read these tales of life -- and death -- in the desert.



11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven't had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of Park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ Bats of Borrego and Beyond

1 Hour

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center.

7:30 p.m. Lecture ♿ California's Fading Wildflowers: Lost Legacy and Biological Invasions

Speaker: Richard Minnich

\$5 suggested donation

90 Min.

Early Spanish explorers found springtime California covered with spectacular carpets of wildflowers, yet today, invading plant species have devastated this nearly forgotten botanical heritage. Author Richard A. Minnich will discuss the changes in our desert's landscape over the past three centuries, and bring new perspective to topics including restoration ecology, conservation, and fire managements. Join us at the Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center for this thought-provoking lecture, followed by refreshments.



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Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. Hike - Squeeze through the Slot

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a winding slot canyon with rugged walls, overhanging rocks, and some surprising wild flowers. You will have to negotiate some tight squeezes and a short climb up a very steep hill. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.

Monday, December 26, 2011

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Min.

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the visitor center as space is limited.

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

Whether you are a first time visitor or one who has not had the opportunity to visit sections of the park, join Volunteer Naturalist Ron Shugan for a slide show presentation meant to provide an overview of the many activities and sights of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. This series of slides will make you want to get out and visit some of the many wonders of California's largest state park. Meet in the visitor center discovery lab.



Tuesday, December 27, 2011

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk - (all birding levels welcome)

90 Min.

Bring binoculars and join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the parking lot. Rain cancels.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Min.

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Wednesday, December 28, 2011

9:00 a.m. Walk – Behind the Ghost Mountain Story

3 Hours

Learn about the Marshal South family and their experiment in primitive living on a remote mountain top. Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on this 2 mile round-trip, steep but scenic walk up Ghost Mountain. Bring water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Homesite Trailhead in Blair Valley.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Min.

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Thursday, December 29, 2011

8:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and return by way of the road. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, Mile Marker 38.1 east on Highway S-22. Extra parking is available at Mile Marker 38. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated strenuous.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Min.

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Friday, December 30, 2011

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Min.

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12:00 p.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

Join the only CA state park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will meet and be conducted at the Borrego Springs airport. Take Palm Canyon Drive east from Christmas Circle to S22. Airport is on the left.

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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Saturday, December 31, 2011

9:30 a.m. Talk – Tracks Tell Tales

1 Hour

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11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Min.

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the visitor center as space is limited.

Sunday, January 1, 2011

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Resolution Hike: Hike Alcoholic Pass!

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present-day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.



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DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **When emergencies happen ...**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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